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MUFTI of JERUSALEM

SOURCE:

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The following facts concerning the MUFTI of JERUSALEM have been reported by a reliable source:

1. The MUFTI was captured in the French sector of Berlin and taken to Paris by the French.

2. The French planned to bring charges against the MUFTI as a War Criminal. This plan was learned by the British who, according to source, threatened the French with Arab uprisings in French Morocco.

3. In retaliation for British interference with their plans to prosecute the MUFTI as a War Criminal, the French are now planning to allow the MUFTI to "escape" from Paris to the Middle East.

4. RASHO ALI and all members of the MASSEINI family are

now with ISN SAUD.

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> 1. A reliable source reports the receipt of letters from Haji Amin Husayni, the Jorusalem Mufti, by Kamal Haddad, and 'Issat Darwase who is now in Ognasous. In these letters Hussyni expresses enriety

regarding the split that has developed in the Arab League, and gives the following advice to his correspondents,

2. In the Hufti's opinion the Arabs of Palestine should avoid taking sides in the difference between the two sections of the 'rab League. Every effort should be made to heal this breach, and the Hufti suggests that influence should be brought to bear on President Chukri Cusmatli of Syria to persuade him to try to reconcile Iraq and Saudi Arabia, rather than to aggravate their nutual hostility.

- 5. The Sufti also warns the Falestine Arabs against blindly following the lead of !!usa al-'Alamia Palestine observer with the Arab League Council. He complains that 'Alami maintains too close relations with Huri Pasha al-Ma'id, whom he described as a tool of the British; and he wishes to remove his influence from the Arab Propaganda bureaus in London and Washington. Propaganda directives should, in the "ufti's opinion, be controlled by the Arab League Council.
- 4. Source states that the Bufti has also sent messages to his followers reminding them that the principles of Communism are completely at wariance with the teachings of the Koran: they should not, therefore, allow themselves to be carried away by enthusiam for any support given by the Soviet delegate to the claims of the Levant States before the Security Council of the United Nations.
- 5. The report states that in these letters the Hufti has definitely advised his followers that if there is any question of taking sides in a dispute between the Towlet and British Governments, the Moslam world should always back Great Britain.

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